

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 27 January 2021

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Civil Engineering and Landscape Team

Warblington Footbridge Feasibility – HBC CIL Funded

Executive Board and Cabinet have been briefed on the feasibility and we are now working on a report to update Cabinet and progress to design phase.

Havant Park – HBC Revenue Funded

Works to rebuild sections of flower bed walls has been order with Norse and now waiting for completion.

Bushy Lease Cycle Route – HBC CIL Funded

Ecological surveys along the route will commence in spring. Meanwhile, design of the route is ongoing.

Warblington Interchange Feasibility Study: HBC CIL Funded

The feasibility study to investigate the potential for implementing an A27 westbound jet lane from the A259 to assist traffic flow and improve safety as development in West Sussex results in additional traffic flow at this important junction. The mainland Local Plan Mainland Transport Assessment Addendum modelling is now available, and the final version of the report is being checked before sign-off, expected at the end of February.

Hobby Close, Waterlooville – Drainage: CIL Neighbourhood Fund & We Big Local

Planning permission for the Phase 2 works (whole-field drainage including a land re-profiling option) was awarded in November. We expect tenders to be issued in March with the work on site commencing in the spring. Tree work along the route of the access route is being commissioned for February.

Scratchface Lane, Bedhampton Recreation Ground – CIL

A land raising option to address significant seasonal drainage issues at this site is being finalised but due to ongoing concerns over the number and type of vehicles that will be needed to transport the fill material to the site, we now intend to update our Director before resubmitting a planning application in the spring, based on a start in 2022 so that the access and working impacts of the similar Hobby Close scheme (above) can be used as empirical evidence of the access arrangements.

Transforming Cities Fund – HCC / DfT Funded

The CELT team has been commissioned to assist HCC designing and implementing schemes along the east-west corridor through Havant town centre (and walking and cycling improvements in Elmleigh Road, Leigh Road, Eastern Road, Centenary Gardens and School Lane), along with bus stop improvements in Purbrook Way and Botley Drive. Delivery on-site is required by March 2023.

Elmleigh Road, Havant Off Road Cycle Route –HBC CIL / HCC / Dft Funded

The project has been included as part of the Transforming Cities Fund works (see above). CELT has been commissioned to design this scheme. Delivery on-site is planned for summer 2022.

Rusty Cutter Link Road Congestion Scheme –Hbc Cil Funded

We continue to work with Highways England towards delivering a scheme on this important link road which would allow two lanes of northbound traffic. CIL funding for additional work to improve connections to the local cycle network have been approved, and we are currently liaising with Hampshire County Council the S106 contribution applicable to this site from the developers at the Forty Acres site. It is vital that all two sources of funding are co-ordinated to deliver the intended scheme to improve pedestrian and cycle routes around the whole Rusty Cutter area. The Highways England engagement process has resulted in some delays to the finalisation of the scheme design, but we are now making progress and, subject to final design approval, it may be possible to implement the works in 2022.

Hayling Billy Trail Waymarking – Hcc Funded

Improved waymarking is to be introduced on the Trail. Hampshire County Council is funding this work, with CELT co-ordinating activity 'on the ground'. It is intended that a planning application for the three historic station signs will be submitted this month now that HCC has advised on how they will maintain the signs on their land.

Safe Re-Opening Of High Streets (Srhs) Fund

Social distancing measures are still in place in Havant and Emsworth. The schemes are under continual review. We are still waiting to see if Hampshire CC are in support and fund a more permanent scheme in Emsworth High street.

Jubilee Park Bowls Club Drainage Hbc Funded

The drainage has been installed and is working as designed, and the site has received its initial reinstatement.

Jubilee Park, North Drainage – Seeking HBC Funding

Submitted proposal to Estates and waiting for comments before commencing physical works.

Emsworth Town Centre Accessibility Feasibility Study – Hcc Funded

The final report has now been presented to HCC and HBC and HCC local councillors. We anticipate a Task Order to design and implement the first of the works arising from the Study to be issued to us before March.

Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) – HCC Funded

HCC are lead on this project. Public consultation on the primary and secondary routes identified by HCC as part of Havant's TCF bid has been put back as a result of the pandemic. HBC will be asked to provide comments once consultation commences. A meeting to discuss HBC's LCWIP with HCC is pencilled in for February.

Milton Road Bus Layby and Elettra Avenue HBC CIL Funded

Design is complete and is with HCC for design approval. Once approved in principal, we will share the design with councillors and inform the public of the proposal for comment. It is then intended to tender the project in late Spring.

Hambledon Road – HBC CIL & WCC Funded

The design is still ongoing but is expected to be completed by March. Design approval by HCC is required before sharing the project with Councillors and the public before going to tender Summer 2021.

Havant Rugby Football Club – HBC CIL Funded

Planning application deferred until April due to issue raised on lighting. Proposal included using existing CIL award for lighting along Fraser Road to light the new path running south of the proposed development. It has been agreed to split the design into two sections, the main conversion of MUGA and lighting along Fraser Road, both to be put forward to committee in April. The scheme is planned to be completed before mid-September.

Hooks Row, Leigh Park Shared Path – HBC CIL Funded

Scheme near completion with small outstanding works required, issue raised on one set of hazard tactile paving location. Will need further consideration to resolve.

Havant Park Feasibility Project – HBC CIL Funded

CIL funded project to draw up a master plan incorporating all the future aspirations for Havant Park. The plan will illustrate what the park will look like in 20 years' time and show how the regeneration of the town centre and surrounding infrastructure will integrate into the park and enhance with the town centre. Draft feasibility is being drawn up for review with stake holders due for completion Mid Spring 2021.

Harts Farm Way, Havant Closure Of Layby HCC Funded

Design has been completed and has been forwarded to HCC for design approval. Design has also been sent for a Safety Audit and we are awaiting the report. Once we have the results, we will share this information

Future Role of Hayling Route, Billy Trial

We continue to develop ideas and have contacted various stakeholders regarding the scheme. The results of the Study will be delivered by splitting the Billy Trail into geographic sections with (probably) different solutions for the various sections. CELT officers are in discussion with Coastal Partners team colleagues regarding an online version summarising the works for public consultation. The Study will need to deliver its findings in close conjunction with the outputs from other parallel and overlapping studies, these being the Hayling Island Coastal Strategy and the work by the Regeneration Team into use of the Trail as a route for Connected Autonomous Vehicles. Bearing in mind the need for this co-ordination, it is expected that a draft of the study will be available in the autumn, but the full study not finalised until spring 2022.

Northney, Surface Water Drainage – Not Funded

Further surveys need to be undertaken to better assess opportunities and possibilities although the initial report is currently being drafted and opportunities being assessed. We expect to have final report and to be able to start bringing forward plans for this area in the late spring. Interim repairs to the tide flap, to secure the area against tidal flooding, are needed to be done first and these are being implemented by Coastal Partners in March / April.

Emsworth, The Promenade – HBC Funded

A consultant has been appointed and they will be undertaking the development and production of the report to assess the condition of the promenade, any remedial works which could be undertaken and any potential impacts if works are not undertaken. Report to be issued in March.

Hayling Island Access Improvements Phase 2 –HCC Funded

This phase covers the Hayling Park footpath upgrade, footpath 89 upgrade and footpath 102 resurfacing works. The HCC Project Appraisal stage is complete. Tender documents have been reviewed by Hampshire County

Council and are being updated. Tenders date expected to be end of March 2021 and expected construction start date to be June 2021.

Scratchface Lane Bridlepath Bedhampton –HCC Funded

Phase 1 – On-road cycleway from Hillmead Gardens through Newbarn Road to its junction with Hulbert Road. New off-road shared cycleway from Newbarn Road to Willowdene Close which will link into an existing shared cycleway towards the Asda roundabout. Phase 2 – Off road shared path between Hillmead Gardens and College Road. The project has been awarded to Colas Limited and construction will start in the week beginning 11 February 2021

Waterlooville to A3M Cycle Network Improvement Feasibility – HBC CIL Funded

Following review, we expect this to be available to local councillors and portfolio holder for comment by the end of February.

Havant Bus Station Trees

HBC funded project to deal with trip hazards in hard surfacing due to roots on 2 no. existing trees. Project complete.

Warblington Cemetery

A project to resolve drainage issues at the Cemetery extension has been let to DynoRod and completion is expected in early February. This project is being managed by CELT with the Neighbourhood team as internal client.

Environmental Health

Food, Health & Safety

The team continues to respond to requests for advice from businesses about the current lockdown restrictions. They are also dealing with complaints about businesses not complying with restrictions.

They are working closely with the Covid Marshals who are patrolling the council area daily. The Marshals produce daily reports of matters that they have dealt with that require further attention, and these are passed to the Food & Safety team to action.

The Covid Marshals are interacting with members of the public and businesses and are continuing to receive positive feedback from both about their reassuring presence.

Licensing Team

'Taxi' businesses have been able to continue trading throughout the Covid pandemic. A letter was recently sent to all licensed drivers and operators providing an update on the Covid requirements and the key areas that apply

to the trade. In collaboration with the Economic Development Team, the letter also provided details of government support grants that some drivers may be eligible for, as some have been affected financially despite being able to trade. A steady number of enquiries about these are now being received.

Environmental Protection

Air Quality

The Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) for 2020 has been delayed, due to team resources being diverted to deal with issues and increased demand because of Covid-19. With agreement of DEFRA, a combined report covering two years can be submitted for the deadline of June 2021.

Air quality sampling has continued during lockdowns, which will ensure a data set will be present for comments and conclusions to be made.

AQUIND Interconnector Hearing

The Service continues to submit information and review the draft Development Consent Order (draft DCO). On Wednesday 17th February, there is an issues specific hearing scheduled. The hearing will include a review of the proposed exemptions sought by the applicant, that would prevent statutory noise nuisance powers under section 82 of the EPA 1990 being considered during both the construction and operational phases. This would prevent parties taking actions to control or restrict problems and prevent the court issuing sanctions if control measures were not followed.

Parking & Traffic Management

The car park used by customers of the Inn on the Beach on Hayling is in the process of being returned to the council. The lease expired early February, and work is now underway to amalgamate this area into the council's wider parking offer along the seafront.

Site visits are an integral part of what the Traffic Management team delivers for the borough each year. However, under the circumstances the team has had to identify new ways of delivering their service without impacting on the overall outcome. As a result, the team has seen some success, not only delivering on the works programme for 20/21 but also exceeding their income targets in relation to Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders that have been required throughout the year.